

MELVILLE COLLEGE TRUST GRANTS - 2021/22 SESSION

Reports from grant recipients

The following school activities have benefited from the support of the Melville College Trust during academic Session 2021/22 with grants provided to a total of £9637.

1 P6/7 Gardening and Eco Club (UJS) - £575

We purchased storage containers with the grant as well as practical items such as compost, seeds and containers.

We have 16 Gardeners in the club this session. This session they will be able to have a hands-on approach to developing the new Garden, giving them a sense of ownership and pupil voice. Our club has strong links to sustainability, and in the long term we hope to develop the new garden area to the point where all children in the school can benefit from it. We have planted and grown vegetables, as well as using recyclable materials to garden in an environmentally friendly way. We are grateful to the MCT for their support. (photo)

2 Orienteering Club - £320

The batteries purchased with the grant from the Melville College Trust has allowed the Orienteering Club to welcome more pupils as well as take part in the P4 Activity Week, the CCF summer camp, Duke of Edinburgh map reading skills sessions and some MES PE lessons.

The batteries, as well as other equipment purchased through previous grants, was put to the test at Carbisdale for an orienteering project. The staff who run the club and the pupils who enjoy orienteering are very grateful to the MCT for their continued support. (photo)

3 CCF - £1600

The CCF were able to purchase two computers with the grant awarded by the MCT. These are high-spec computers allows CCF cadets to use VR headsets as well as ancillaries including joysticks and rudder pedals to get the most from the flight simulation software. This is important to the CCF cadets as there are less and less opportunities for Air Experience Flying nowadays. Over 80 RAF Section cadets are now benefitting from the computers which are used for normal training after school with the simulators available at lunchtimes. It is the plan that the laptop simulator could be taken to Easter and RAF summer camps which are attended by 40 cadets each.

The CCF thanks Melville College Trust for its kind donation. (photo)

4 History Café, SMC - £250

Many thanks to the Melville College Trust for providing funds for us to buy a domed Coleman Event Shelter. Covid mitigations moved us to look for alternative opportunities for hosting our History Café events, every other Thursday lunchtime. Last session we created an outdoor classroom under the trees by the S6 Centre. We utilised a gazebo, firepit, various rugs, blankets and groundsheets to create a super space to congregate in the fresh air. The Coleman Event Shelter, was central to many of these sessions and we were able to fit up to 60 pupils under that alone. Speakers hosted sessions on the Navajo radio operators on Iwo Jima, the Auxiliary secret army of WW2, and the History of the RAF.

We aim to run some of this session's outdoors too, as the area provides a great learning space. Our Christmas Truce Experience, held on the penultimate day of term in December by the War Memorial, has become a strong tradition over the last 10 years and brings together most of the school to sing carols and listen to readings. The Event Shelter is going to be crucial in running this powerful event. (photo)

5 Wood Turning Club, SMC - £6132

The club are delighted with the grant from the Melville College Trust and the two lathes are due to be installed on 27 October 2022. The Product Design department are excited for the arrival of the lathes and the additional benefits they will bring to the club.

6 Playground Equipment for P4 - £760

The Melville College Trust has been kind enough to provide us with funds for Primary 4. Our children are delighted to benefit from some colourful new play equipment in our Queensway House playground. It has been very exciting to have some new toys which each of our children can share and have enormous fun with. The chalkboards are particularly popular, and our badminton rackets are used daily by our budding sports stars! Playtime is of enormous importance to the children, and we very much appreciate these additional toys to keep them happy and smiling at breaktimes. With grateful thanks to the Trust for their donation. (photo)











